

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-14, 16-20 and 22-24 are allowed. Claims 2, 11, 15, 21 and 25 were canceled. Independent claims 12 and 13 are amended to correct a minor informality to change a singular noun (first and second "parameter") to a plural noun (first and second "parameters") as appropriate. Dependent claims 26-33, dependent from previously allowed claims, are hereby newly presented. No new matter is added thereby. The present amendment is needed for proper protection of the invention, and is believed to require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. In particular, the amendment is needed to provide protection for specific embodiments of the invention. The dependent claims contain limitations similar to limitations already presented in the allowed claims, and thus more fully protect the invention. As the proposed new dependent claims depend from allowed claims, no additional search or examination is believed needed as the dependent claims are at least allowable for the same reasons as the allowed claims upon which they are based. The dependent claims were not presented earlier to avoid paying excess claim fees on previously unallowed base claims.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is respectfully requested.

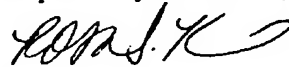
CONCLUSION:

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and seek issuance thereof.

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